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## NOW IS THE TIME TO LIVE YOUR STUDENT PROFESSION

There is a sense in which there is no tomorrow because when tomorrow is here it is today.

It would be a better world, morally, if men did not wait for tomorrow to do the good they are always planning to do, to change the lives they are always planning to change.

If men would fast, pray, and give in the same spirit that they eat, drink, and are merry; they would pray, fast, and give in a much more active spirit than they do.

It is good philosophy to be doing today. It is the philosophy of Christ to be more concerned about today than tomorrow: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His justice, and all these things shall be given to you besides. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow; for tomorrow will have anxieties of its own. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

It ought also to be the philosophy of the student to be more concerned about today than tomorrow. It ought to be the philosophy of the christian students to be concerned about today in a Christian way. "Then all these things shall be given you besides."

In a broad sense, Christ implies that a student should be a student, that he should live now, that the student world has enough troubles and anxieties of its own to be a full-time care and concern. Christ implies that the Christian student much mind the business of the moment, lose himself recklessly in it, and forget the years after graduation,—that they "shall be added on" and take care of themselves.

We live fully our student life when we see and use all the parts of the student world in their right place. The Holy Father says, "The subject of Christian education is man whole and

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entire, soul united in body in unity of nature, with all his faculties, natural and supernatural, such as right reason and revelation show him to be." All of these faculties should grow while we are in school, but in relation to our intellectual progress, as this is the end of school itself.

To live life fully in the present it is necessary to understand what all the  
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## This Is It Gentlemen. . . .

Ash Wednesday is just around the corner.... marking the beginning of Lent, the great season of penance and mortification.

Following the example of the Ninivites who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, the Church for the humiliation of our pride and to remind us of the sentence of death which we will all suffer as the result of sin, puts ashes on our

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heads saying: 'Remember, man, that you are dust, and into dust you shall return.'

This is the remains of an old ceremony of which old Roman Church History tells us. Christians who had committed grave faults were obliged to do public penance. On Ash Wednesday the Bishop blessed the hairshirts which they were to wear during the Forty Days,

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# TRUE TO TYPE

"James Caster, for hiding four Catholic priests in your house and refusing to surrender them to the high ranking authorities of the Reich, I condemn you to death. Your body will be halved by a cross-cut saw on the first day of next month."

The Reich had spoken. There was no appeal. The condemned man walked from the judgment seat between two guards. James Leonard Caster, wealthy businessman, father of twelve children, and Catholic, was a doomed man.

The first of the month came quickly and quietly. That is it was quiet until the evening before the first. Then came raucous laughing, and shouting:

"Herr Caster! Are you there? Would the Catholic pig like a priest to see him? Would he like to hear the priest tell of his sorrow?"

At this, the cell door was opened a little and the newly severed head of a priest well loved by James Caster was tossed into the cell. There was loud laughing and cursing.

"There is your priest. Tell him your tale of woe and watch him give you comfort."

James Caster turned his eyes, then closed them, and with much effort quietly murmured: "Love those who persecute and calumniate you."

"Swine!" The guard mocked, "... speak sense. Why do I waste my time. I go to prepare now for your departure. I'll return soon, with pleasant dreams for you."

James Caster was alone for the last time. Time passed very slowly. He began to have memories, many of them. He saw his wife, Catherine, sitting with him on the bank of the old brook where they used to sit on Sunday afternoons; he saw the children, playing near by.

Then he saw the first days of the new regime, the authorities coming to his home. He saw them take his first, second, and then his third son away to the training schools. They would make excellent generals. He saw himself, his wife standing near by, tearfully signing the papers which gave any future sons to the same army.

He remembered the day the plumbers—four of them, knocked at the door. They were really four priests who were closely hunted. Caster had put them in the basement, but ruffian soldiers soon came, discovered them, and shot them before his very eyes.

"James Caster! Get up! It is now your turn!"

He did not hear the order. He was busy with Someone else. Even in the

small confines of his cell, his soul was free. The door was jerked open and four arms went about him.

They dragged him down the long, damp passageway and into a dank, stinking room. He was strapped to the table. It began to move toward the spiraling blade.

James Leonard Caster opened his eyes, and saw three sons and four priests standing over him. They were speaking and slowly, ever so slowly the words came: "Forgive them for they know not what they do."

What sacrifices, even the slightest, do you make for your Faith?

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The student is a professional man whose profession has for its immediate end his proper intellectual formation and the intimately bound-up common good of the student society, and now pursues this end from a supernatural motive within a specific and providential environment.

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Our way of life now is that of a student; in all things we act as students. This is most obvious in the case of studies, but it is equally true in regard to recreation, social life, religious life, club organization, etc.

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Chalk up every lie as a liability.



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THIS IS IT GENTLEMEN....

and sprinkled them with ashes. Then the penitents were turned out of the Church because of their sins as Adam the first man was turned out of paradise on account of his disobedience. They did not discard their penitential clothing or enter the church again until Holy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance, by confession and sacramental absolution. "God indeed forgives the sins of men for the sake of their repentance."

Although many of the old Christian disciplines and penances are no longer publically used, no Christian is freed from practicing penance. "Unless you do penance you will likewise perish" is a warning Christ gives to all of us. We are still fallen men, and in our weakness ever tending toward eternal destruction.

There is but one way to safety and

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elements are that go to make up our student profession, and then develop all them in harmony and order. Prayer, recreation, clubs, student councils, vacations, all have a definite role in student life. But they must not be used for themselves alone, but in order also to further our mental growth. If we are on our knees when we should be at our desk, or if we "shoot the bull" when we should be reading Aristotle, we are not living our student lives NOW.

Where does the service angle come in? We are best serving society now by being the best students possible. We are developing mental and moral qualities that we will use in whatever field we enter. No one is transformed by being handed a diploma, and we will have to give our permanent profession exactly what we have gotten from our student life.

"The true Christian, product of Christian education, is the supernatural man who thinks, judges and acts constantly and consistently in accordance with right reason illumined by the supernatural light of the example and teaching of Christ... The true and finished

happiness—the way which the Son of God himself pointed out to us: it is not an easy way. On the contrary it is hard in the extreme; full of sacrifice, full of suffering, and agony. It is the Way of the Cross with each of us taking our turn in the role of Christ.

Choose wisely, even at the very offset of Lent, to accept voluntary hardships, voluntary penances.

Daily Mass, and the reception of Holy Communion every day, should be taken for granted in the life of every St. Joe man during Lent.

Fast and abstinence as the Church laws direct are also of utmost importance.

The sorrows and pains of Good Friday must be suffered by all of us with readiness and willingness else we are sure to miss the glorious exaltaion of Easter morning. Only "if you suffer with Christ will you rise with Him."

man of character." (Pope Pius XI).

This goal of development of each and every person, is only achieved by long hard work and effort, with the aid of God's grace. Students life is a time of special opportunity for such effort and growth, particularly in things of the mind. It is our present means of serving God, neighbor and self. Let's be proud of our profession, and live it to the fullest.

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# THIS IS CATHOLIC ACTION

## - Generous Deeds -

Religion is not the medal we wear around our neck or the rosary that we carry in our pocket but one of the best manifestations of religion is the justice and charity practiced in our everyday lives. We all are fully aware of the fact that works of charity are carried out in daily habits to some degree but since every vocation in life, regardless of what it might be, brings us in contact with others, every vocation then should be a constant routine of charity. Since the days spent in college afford one of the best opportunities to develop this virtue we should take inventory of our daily acts and advise means of making them more charitable. Currently the application of charity comes easy as there is a particular brotherhood felt among the students on the campus here due to the communion we have in our religion. It should be remembered though that the college environment will soon terminate and we will have to acclimate ourselves to a different atmosphere. If we succeed in getting perfect marks in all our class subjects but fail to take with us the application principles of our faith the purpose of a Catholic education will be lost.

By seriously undertaking the project of advancing this virtue it will become a natural tendency to be carried into later life, and facilitate harmonious relations with our contacts. We cannot exclude ourselves from civic, labor, and social activities and will be concerned with the problems confronting such groups. The only solution to the majority of dif-

ficulties is merely to employ the team-mates of religion: justice and charity. These virtues have no boundary lines so by the same token that to be accomplished by their application is without limit.

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Student life is more than a preparation for life; it is a life. If we do not learn to live fully now as students, we will not develop complete personality.

### WE'RE FOR

God in all Campus activity.

Frequent Communion and frequent Confession.

Conscience and moral law in Church, on the Campus, on a date, in the court rooms of this nation and all nations.

Rights and DUTIES where they belong.

Plenty of laughs, in the right places, about the right things.

### WE'RE AGAINST

Sleepy, sloppy Catholics.

Two sets of morals, one for Sunday, one for weekdays.

Chislers, phonies, stuffed-shirts.

Gripping.

Racists and Racketeers (in or out of labor unions.)

Anything that is wrong (to be more fully specified as occasion demands.)

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